



## ASSIGNMENT OF PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL, AND GOVERNMENT ACCESS CABLE TV CHANNELS

The Federal Cable Act requires cable television franchising authorities to establish procedures for a cable television operator to request unused Public, Education and Government (PEG) channels. In Montgomery County, Executive Regulation #53-89 (COMCOR 08A.18.01) establishes the County's procedures for assigning the unallocated channels as well as the process whereby an organization may apply for use of an unallocated channel. Of the PEG channels required by the cable television franchise agreements, six channels are available for renewal or reassignment. A public notice of the application process was carried in The Gazette on April 2, 2008. In response to the public notice the County received five applications.

The applications received were from the four current PEG Operators and Comcast each requesting continued full-time use of the channel currently assigned:

- Montgomery County Public Schools requests renewal of its allocation of channel 34/Comcast, 89/RCN, 36/Verizon, which it has operated since 1988;
- University of Maryland-College Park requests renewal of its allocation of channel 18/Comcast, 18/RCN, 37/Verizon, which it has operated since 1990;
- University of Maryland-College Park requests renewal of its allocation of channel 2/Comcast, 2/RCN, 40/Verizon, which it has operated since 1991;
- Montgomery Community Television requests renewal of its allocation of channel 21/Comcast, 21/RCN, 21/Verizon, which it has operated since 1988;
- Comcast requests renewal of its allocation of two PEG channels, to continue the commercial broadcasting of CNBC and C-SPAN.

Copies of Executive Regulation #53-89 (COMCOR 08A.18.01) and the applications are available for public review in the office of Montgomery County Department of Technology Services, Office of Cable and Communications Services, 100 Maryland Avenue, Suite 250, Rockville, 240-777-3684 or on our website at [montgomerycountymd.gov/cable](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/cable).

Written comments may be submitted prior to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 7, 2008. Comments should be mailed or delivered to: Amy Wilson, Program Manager, Cable Office, 100 Maryland Avenue, Suite 250, Rockville, MD 20850. Comments may also be submitted via E-mail to [amy.wilson@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:amy.wilson@montgomerycountymd.gov).